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ANDY HARDY





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ANDY HARDY

THAT DENNIS MARTIN MAKES ME SICK! HE'LL BE WORSE THAN EVER NOW!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ANDY?

OH, THE MORNING PAPER, THE "BUGLE," SENT OUT THEIR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO SNAP PICTURES OF HIM... "THE CITY'S BEST ALL-AROUND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE," THEY SAID!

THAT'S A COINCIDENCE! THE "BUGLE" PHOTOGRAPHER CAME OUT TO PICK UP A PICTURE OF YOU TODAY TOO!

NO KIDDIN'?

GEE! I WONDER WHY? IT COULDN'T BE ON ACCOUNT OF MY STUDIES... MAYBE BECAUSE I'VE GOT A PART IN THE CLASS PLAY!

LATER...

OH, ANDY! YOUR PICTURE IS IN THE PAPER... ON THE SAME PAGE WITH DENNIS MARTIN'S!

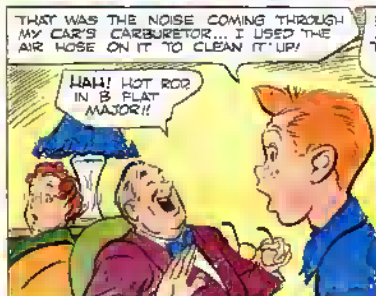
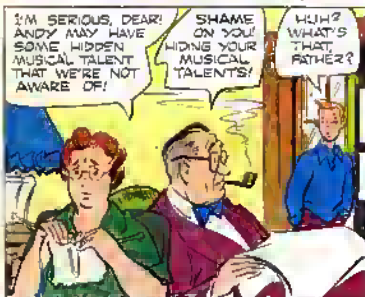
THERE YOU ARE! I ENTERED ONE OF YOUR OLD BABY PICTURES IN A BABY CONTEST! AND YOU WON SECOND PRIZE!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! ANDY'S ALWAYS WANTED HIS PICTURE IN THE PAPER!

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ANDY REALLY SHOULD LEARN TO PLAY SOME KIND OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENT!

ANY TIME HE WANTS MY HARMONICA, HE'S WELCOME TO IT!



YOUR MOTHER
HAS THE IDEA
THAT YOU MAY
HAVE ABILITY
IN MUSIC,
SON!

LIKE SOMETHING THAT'S
BURIED REAL DEEP
INSIDE ME JUST
WAITING TO BURST
OUT IN EXPRESSION,
HUH?

...WELL...ER... THAT'S
THE GENERAL IDEA!
WHAT WANTS TO
BURST OUT THAT
HASN'T?

I COULD
BE A
RADIO OR
TELEVISION
VIR CHOO-OSO!



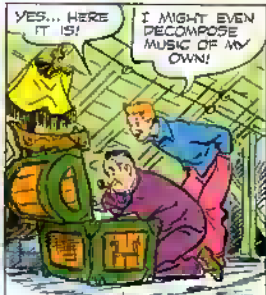
OR A FAMOUS
VIOLINIST!

SAY! THAT REMINDS
ME! I'VE GOT AN
OLD FIDDLE TUCKED
AWAY IN THE
ATTIC!



YES... HERE
IT IS!

I MIGHT EVEN
DECOMPOSE
MUSIC OF MY
OWN!



I BELIEVE THE
WORD IS
COMPOSE,
ANDY!

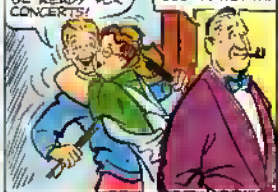
HEY MOM! LOOK!
YOUR BOY GENIUS
IS A FIDDLER!



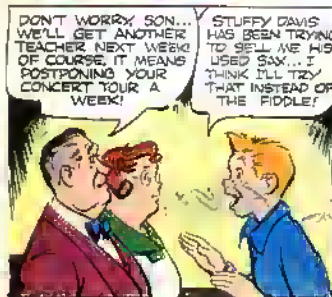
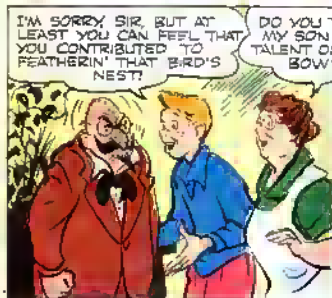
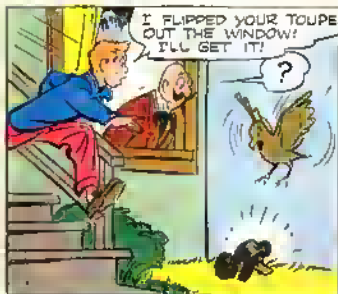
OH, ANDY! THAT'S WONDERFUL!
I'LL CALL AN INSTRUCTOR
RIGHT AWAY!

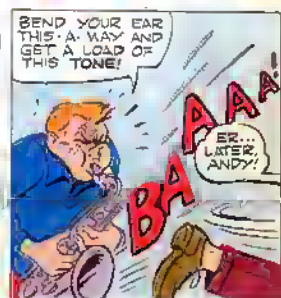
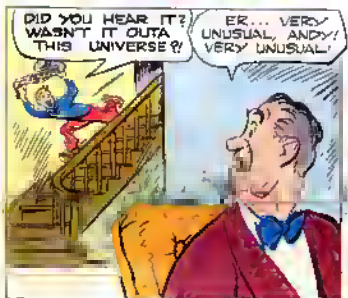
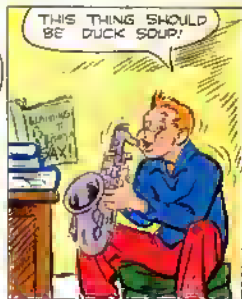
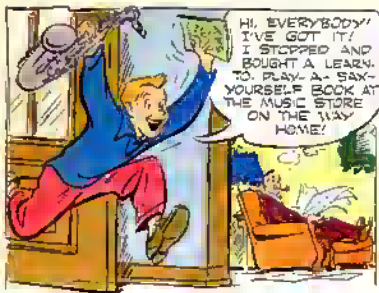
YEAH!... IN A
FEW WEEKS I'LL
BE READY FOR
CONCERTS!

OH, DON'T RUSH
IT! GIVE YOUR-
SELF A MONTH!









OH-H! I CAN STILL
HEAR HIM! YOU
STARTED THIS! HOW
ARE YOU GOING
TO END IT?

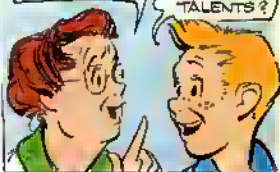
BA-A-A!



ANDY... I'VE ...ER... BEEN
THINKING! IT SEEMS LIKE MOST
EVERYBODY PLAYS SOME
MUSICAL INSTRUMENT...

ER... PERHAPS YOU
SHOULD DEVELOP
YOUR OTHER
TALENTS!

SURE, NOW!
WHAT ARE
MY OTHER
TALENTS?

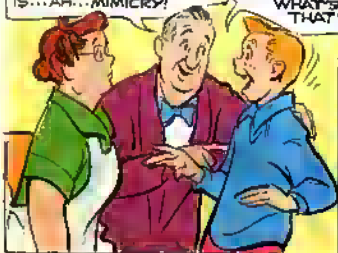


WELL... DON'T JUST
STAND THERE! SAY
SOMETHING!



WELL, NOW... AH... ANDY,
I BELIEVE YOUR CALLING
IS... AH... MIMICRY!

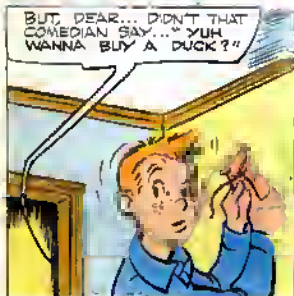
IT IS? GEE,
THAT'S GREAT!
WHAT'S
THAT?

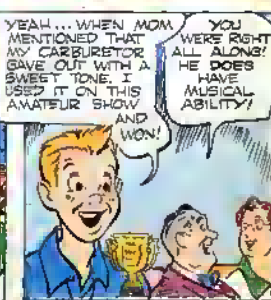
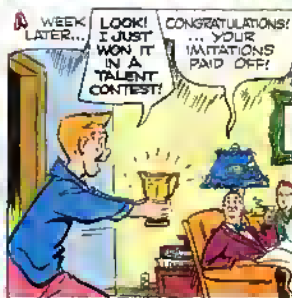
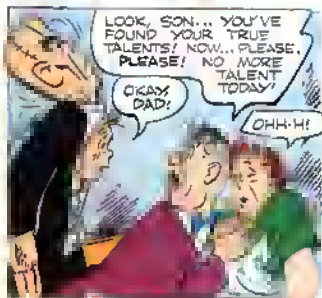


IMITATIONS, SON! THERE'S
A GREAT FIELD IN IMITATIONS!
YOU SEE AND HEAR THEM
ON RADIO... ON TV!
HERE'S FIVE
DOLLARS TO
GET YOU
GOING!

WOW!
THANKS,
DAD!



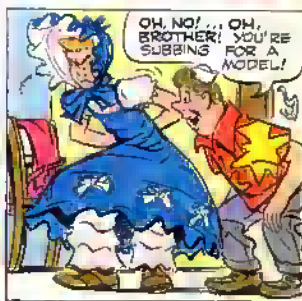
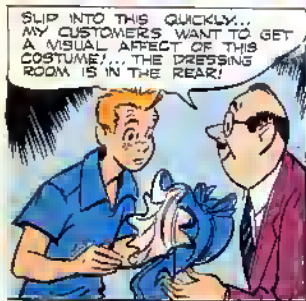
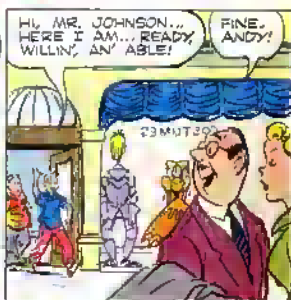
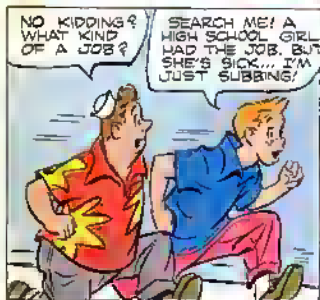


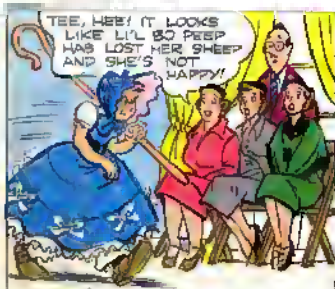
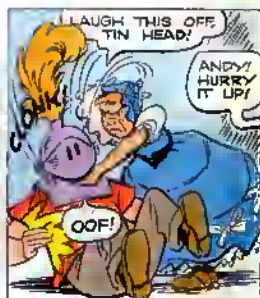
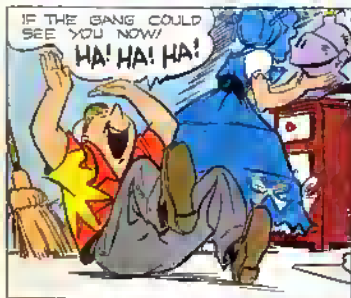
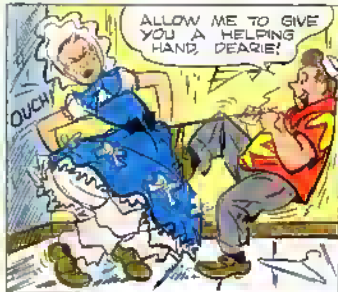


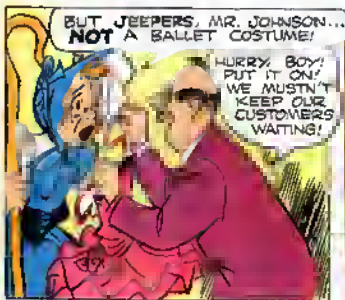
Cindy Hardy

HOW ABOUT
DROPPING IN
AT SMALTZ FOR
MALTS, ANDY?

NOT TODAY, BEEZY!
I'VE GOT ME A JOB
FOR A FEW DAYS
AT THE JOHNSON
COSTUME SHOP!







WHAT'S THE IDEA OF PUTTING THAT ON? I DIDN'T HIRE YOU!

I DIDN'T PUT IT ON!... I WAS IN THIS...

...ROOM... OOPS!... PARDON ME, MADAME!

THAT'S JUST ANDY, YOU DOPE!

OH, SURE!... WELL, ANYWAY, SIR, I WAS LAUGHIN' AT HIM WHEN HE PICKED UP THIS ARMOR, LIKE THIS...

... AND LET ME HAVE IT LIKE THIS!!

OUCH!

CLONK!

AND THAT'S EXACTLY HOW IT HAPPENED, SO THERE!

PARDON ME, BUT WOULD YOU HAVE A CAN OPENER? IT'S STUCK!

STRENGTH! GIVE ME STRENGTH!

CAN OPENER? IT'S STUCK!

YOU TWO CAN MARCH DOWN
TO A SHEET METAL SHOP!
THEY CAN USE A BLOW TORCH
TO GET THEM OFF!



ALL RIGHT, YOU
KNIGHTS OF THE
ROUND TABLE!
WHY THE GET UP?

THEY'RE
STUCK ON US,
OFFICER!



OH YEAH! IT SLIPS OFF
EASY AS PIE!



OF COURSE YOU
COULD!! THERE'S
PLENTY OF... OF...
OH-OH!



IT'S
STUCK!

ELMER!
COME
HERE!



I CAN EXPLAIN,
CHIEF!

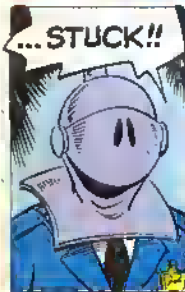
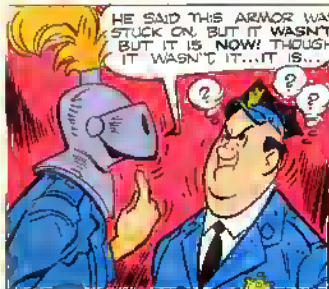
GULD!

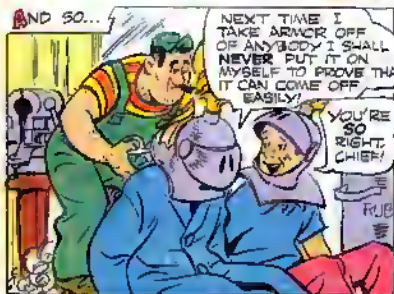
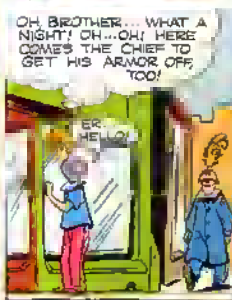
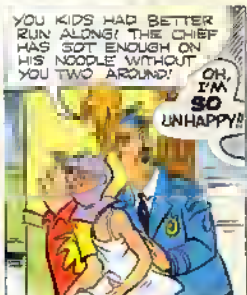
GET IN THE CAR...
ALL OF YOU!
WE'RE GOING TO
THE STATION!



ARE YOU TRYING TO
RUIN THE DIGNITY OF
THE FORCE? EXPLAIN
YOURSELF!









AW, COME ON, POLLY... LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE PROM SATURDAY NIGHT!

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, STUFFY... POLLY'S GOING WITH ME!



WELL, AREN'T WE MASTERFUL... YOU SOUND LIKE I HAVE TO GO WITH YOU, ANDREW HARDY!

AW... I DON'T MEAN IT THAT WAY... I...

CREEP AWAY CREEP!

LOOK HERE, STUFFY DINGLEBERRY THE THIRD...

THE FOURTH, IF YOU PLEASE!



IF YOU TWO WISH TO BEHAVE LIKE COMMON STREET URCHINS... I'M LEAVING!

POLLY! WAIT!

I DON'T WANT YOUR EXPLANATIONS, ANDY! YOU'VE KEPT YOURSELF IN HIDING PRETTY WELL FOR TWO WEEKS, SO GO BURY YOURSELF AGAIN!

YEAH! AND I'LL BE GLAD TO DIG THE HOLE!

BUT, FOLLY...YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY HOTROD FOR THAT RACE AT JONES BEACH SATURDAY!

THAT BUCKET OF BOLTS HE CALLS A ROD YET! HA!



JUST BECAUSE YOU DRIVE AN 80-CYLINDER DUESENBERG, STUFFHEAD...

BIG TALK! BIG MOUTH! IT SO HAPPENS I GOT A HOTROD TODAY... JUST FOR THE RACE ON SATURDAY!



BOYS! NO! NOT AGAIN! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO... I'LL GO TO THE PROM WITH THE ONE WHO WINS THE JONES BEACH RACE!

I'M IN!



I'M A GINCH TO WIN AT JONES BEACH! I'LL SHOW THAT STUFFY!

HEY...THERE'S THE NEW KID THAT STARTED SCHOOL TODAY.. FIRST DAY AT A STRANGE SCHOOL IS ROUGH!



I'LL BREAK THE ICE!

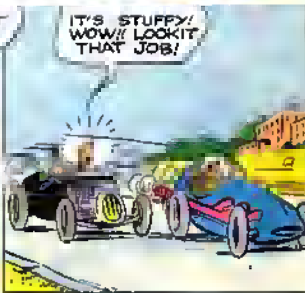
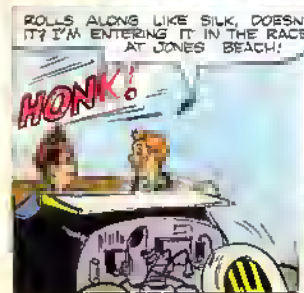
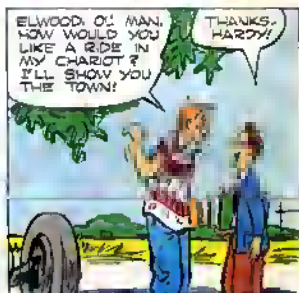
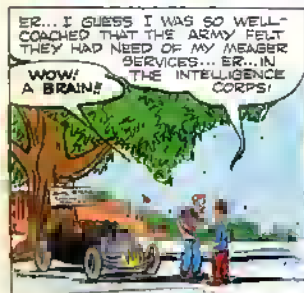
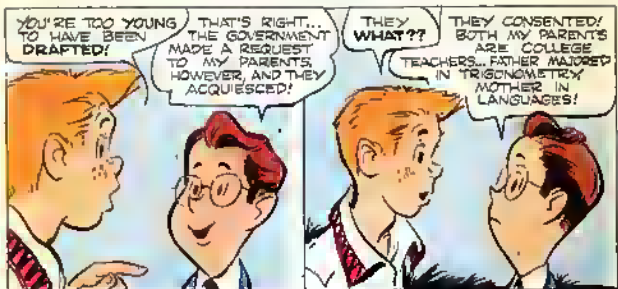
HI, MAN! ANDY HARDY'S MY LABEL... WHAT'S YOUR DOG TAG?

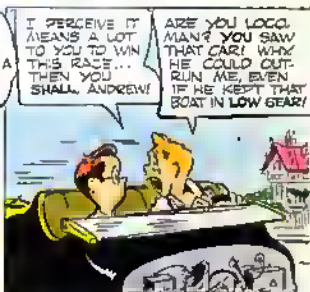
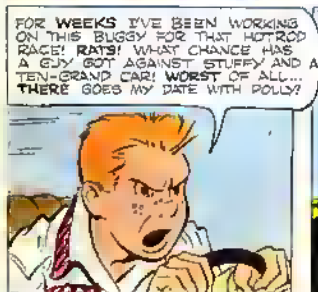
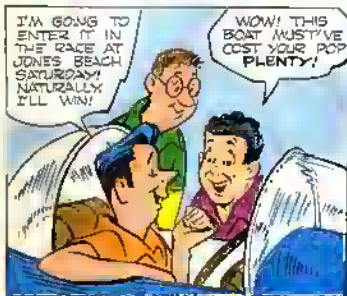
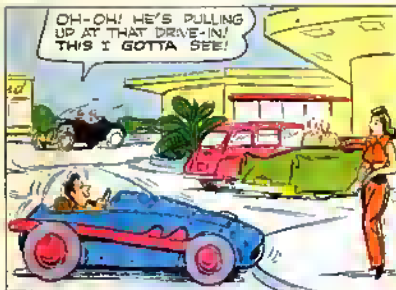


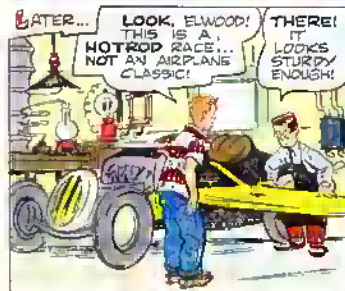
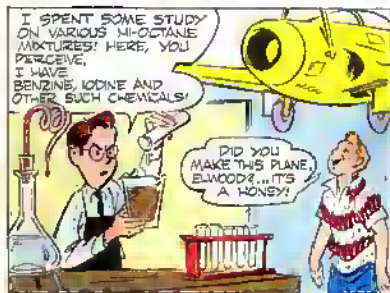
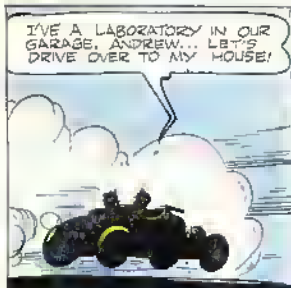
ELWOOD UNDERSHOD! SERIAL NUMBER 763772!

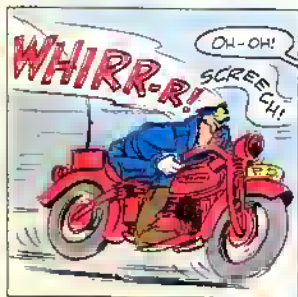
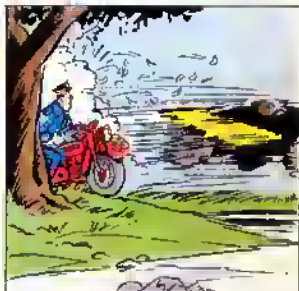
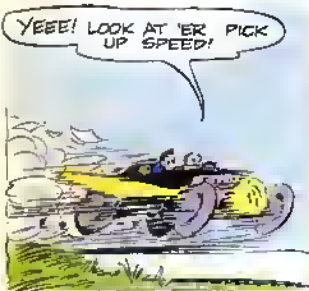
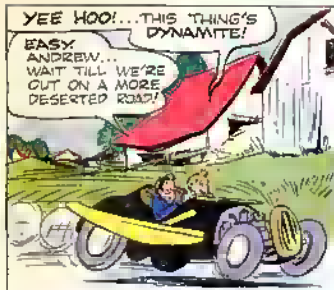
NO KIDDIN'! Y'MEAN YOU WERE IN THE ARMY?











AT LEAST, I'M GLAD YOU TWO KIDS AREN'T SMART ALECS LIKE THAT OTHER YOUNG FELLOW I JUST GAVE A TICKET TO! WHEN I TOLD HIM IT'D COST \$25, HE SAID, "SO WHAT? IT'S ONLY MONEY!"

COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANYONE BUT STUFFY!



YES, THAT'S RIGHT... HIS NAME WAS STUFFY!

WE WERE FIXING UP THIS CAR TO BEAT STUFFY IN THE RACE SATURDAY!



WELL, IN THAT CASE... I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING! GET GOIN' AND GOOD LUCK SATURDAY!

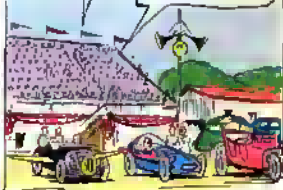
GEE... THANKS, OFFICER!



SATURDAY...

LOOK AT STUFFY'S CAR! IT'S BE-YOO-TIFUL!

HAH! LOOK AT ANDY'S! THIS ISN'T THE NATIONAL AIR RACES, ANDY!

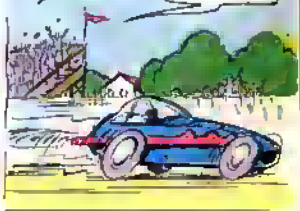


NEXT CONTESTANT IS STUFFY DINGLEBERRY!



WOW! HE'S BURNIN' UP THE BEACH!

HE'LL SET A NEW RECORD FOR SURE!



DINGLEBERRY HAS SET A
NEW BEACH RECORD...
NEXT CONTESTANT...
ANDREW HARDY!

CONGRATULATIONS,
STUFFY!

I KNEW
I'D WIN!

HEY ANDY... WHY DON'TCHA CALL
TOWER FOR TAKE-OFF
INSTRUCTIONS?

HEY
ANDY! YER
FLAPS ARE
DRAGGIN'!

HA! HA!
HA!

WOW! WHAT'S HE
BURNING FOR FUEL...
T.N.T.?

HAH! THEY
HAVEN'T
SEEN
ANYTHING
YET!

LOOK AT
HIM
GO!!

THAT BEATS
STUFFY'S
RECORD.
I'LL BET!

JUDGES' DECISION IS THAT
HARDY'S CAR IS DISQUALIFIED,
SINCE HIS CAR LEFT THE
GROUND FOR AT LEAST
ONE-THIRD OF THE
RACE!

OH!!
WHAT
TOUGH
LUCK!

JUDGES' STAND

TOO BAD HARDY... I'LL SHED
A TEAR FOR YOU TONIGHT
WHEN I HAVE POLLY IN MY
ARMS AT THE PROM! HA-HA!



LATER... IT'S ALL MY
FAULT, ANDREW!
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN-
FORMED AS TO TRACK
REGULATIONS! WHAT'S SO
IRONICAL IS THAT YOU
PROBABLY COULD HAVE
WON WITHOUT THOSE
WING FLAPS I PUT ON!



FORGET IT,
ELWOOD...
WHAT
HURTS IS
THAT...
THAT
EGGHEAD
TAKING
POLLY TO
THE DANCE
TONIGHT!

THAT'S EASY!
I CAN FIX IT
SO YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO GO
IN HIS STEAD!

LOOK, ELWOOD... YOU
MAY BE A WIZARD,
BUT EVEN WIZARDS
CAN'T DO THE
IMPOSSIBLE!



NEVER FEAR...
I'LL ARRANGE IT!
JUST GET READY
FOR THE DANCE
AND PICK HER UP
AS IF NOTHING
HAS HAPPENED!

IF YOU
SAY SO,
MIRACLE
MAN!



THAT NIGHT...

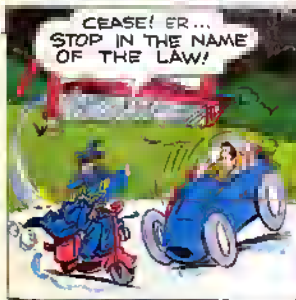
THIS DOORMAN'S
UNIFORM I BORROWED
SHOULD DO THE TRICK!

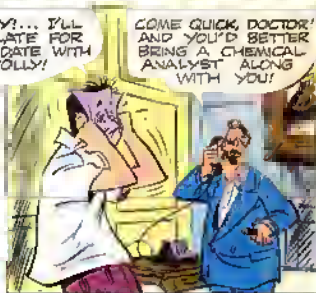
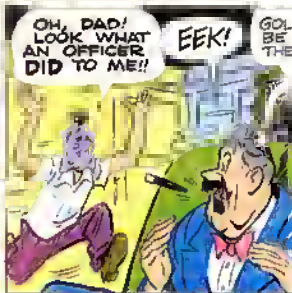
WELL, I GUESS
IT'S TIME TO
DEPART!



IN THE DARK THIS
OUTFIT SHOULD LOOK
LIKE THE REAL THING!
AT LEAST, I'LL FOOL
DINGLEBERRY, I'M SURE!







ANDY HARDY

A CONJUNCTION
IS A WORD THAT
JOINS TWO SEPARATE
THOUGHTS! THE WORD
"AND," FOR EXAMPLE,
IS...

HEY,
ANDREW...
WAIT
UP!



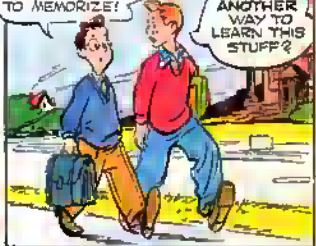
HOW'S YOUR
PAST PARTICIPLE
THIS MORNING?

I'VE TAKEN
ENGLISH FOR
YEARS, AND
I'M STILL
STRUGGLING
WITH A NOUN!



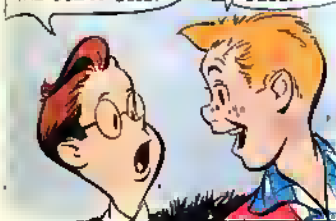
I FEAR THE TROUBLE WITH YOU,
ANDREW, IS THAT
YOU'RE TRYING
TO MEMORIZE!

THERE'S
ANOTHER
WAY TO
LEARN THIS
STUFF?



CERTAINLY! THROUGH
ASSOCIATION! FOR
EXAMPLE, IN 1492
COLUMBUS SAILED
THE OCEAN BLUE!

HEY! I DIG
IT! YOU CAN
REMEMBER THE
DATE '92 WITH
BLUE!



THAT'S RIGHT!
IT WORKS WITH
DATES, NAMES,
ET CETERA!

THANKS,
ELWOOD! I'LL
GIVE IT A
TRY IN MY
NEXT CLASS!
S' LONG!



GATER...

IT WAS DIOCLETIAN,
IN THE YEAR 292,
WHO DIVIDED THE
EMPIRE...

END

LET'S SEE...
292 GOES
WITH OCEAN
BLUE!

ANDREW!
IS THAT
YOU
MUMBLED?

OH, I WASN'T
MUMBLED.
SIR... I WAS
PAYING
ATTENTION!

WELL, LET'S
TEST YOUR
ATTENTIVENESS!
WHO WAS IT
DIVIDED THE
EMPIRE IN THE
YEAR 292?

...292...OCEAN BLUE...

I KNOW!

**CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS!**

VERY AMUSING! BUT THIS ISN'T
THE COMEDY HOUR! THE MAN'S
NAME WAS DIOCLETIAN!

OH!

YOU MAY
SIT DOWN!

DI-O-CLE-SHUN
GOES WITH...
HOW THE HECK
CAN YOU
ASSOCIATE
THAT NAME??

WELL, SO
MUCH FOR
HISTORY!
WE'LL NOW
TAKE UP
CURRENT
EVENTS!

WHO WAS IT WHO MADE THAT
RECENT SPEECH ON FLOOD
CONTROL IN THE SENATE?

DI-O-CLE-SHUN...
LET'S SEE... IT
COULD BE MYLO...

ANDREW!
IS THAT YOU
MUMBLED
AGAIN?

WHO? ME, SIR?
OH, NO,
MR. SMART!

PAYING ATTENTION
AS USUAL, EH?
ALL RIGHT...
WHO MADE
THAT SPEECH
IN THE
SENATE?

THAT'S EASY!
DI-O-CLE-SHUN!

ANDREW!... WHAT ARE
YOU DOING IN SECOND
GRADE? DIDN'T MY
ASSOCIATION SUGGESTION
WORK?

MR. SMART SAYS HE USES THE
SAME SYSTEM! HE SAID HE
ASSOCIATED ME WITH SEVEN-YEAR-
OLDS FOR THE DAY!

Andy Hardy

AW, PLEASE...
I'VE JUST GOTTA
HAVE A DOLLAR, MOM!
I'M TAKING POLLY TO
THE MOVIES TONIGHT!

I WON'T GIVE
YOU A DOLLAR,
ANDY, BUT YOU
CAN EARN IT
IF YOU WANT
IT BAD ENOUGH!



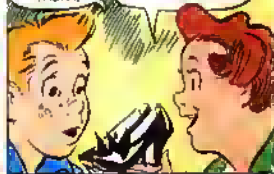
SURE, MOM...
I'M YOUR MAN!
JUST NAME IT!

I BOUGHT THESE
NEW PUMPS AT
JOHNSON'S AND
THEY'RE A LITTLE
TIGHT!



WEAR THEM AROUND THE
HOUSE FOR AN HOUR AND
I'LL GIVE YOU THAT DOLLAR!
YOUR FEET ARE SLIGHTLY
LARGER THAN MINE! YOU
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO BREAK THEM
IN NICELY!

UH...OKAY,
MOM!

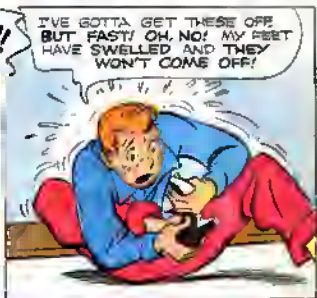
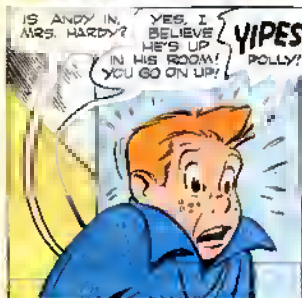
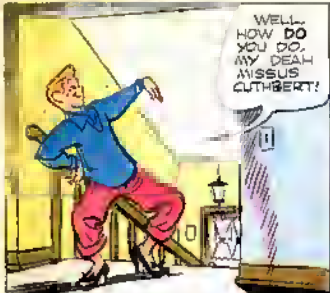


AND HOW DO YOU MAKE YOUR
LIVING, YOUNG MAN? OH, I WEAR
AND BREAK IN MY MOTHER'S PUMPS!
OH, WELL...NO ONE WILL SEE ME!



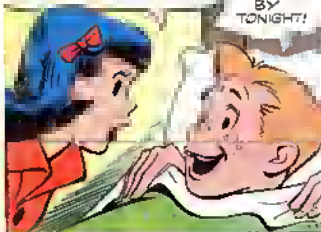
HOW THE HECK
DO WOMEN
BALANCE ON
THESE
THINGS?





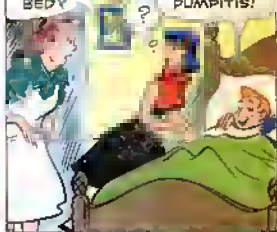
THAT'S A SHAME!
WE'D BETTER CALL
OFF THE MOVIE TONIGHT!

OH, NO...
I'LL FEEL
SWELL
BY
TONIGHT!



ANDY!
WHY ARE
YOU IN
BED?

I'VE GOT... ER,
SWELLING BECAUSE
OF THE
PUMPITIS!



SWELLING?...
PUMPITIS? OH, I
SEE... YOU MEAN,
MY SHO...

ER... THAT'S
EXACTLY
RIGHT, MOM!



IT'S NOTHING AT
ALL, POLLY...
ANDY WILL BE
UP IN NO TIME!

WELL...
IF YOU
THINK IT'S
ALL
RIGHT!



HOLD YOUR FEET
UP LIKE THIS,
SON... THE BLOOD
WILL DRAIN FROM
YOUR FEET AND
THEY'LL COME OFF
EASILY!



I FORGOT COMPLETELY
TO TELL YOU WHY I
STOPPED BY, SO I
CAME BACK...
OHH-H!



NOW I SEE THE NATURE
OF YOUR ILLNESS!
HA! HA! IF YOU COULD
ONLY SEE YOURSELF,
ANDY!



HA! HA! HA!
I'M SORRY I'M
LAUGHING, ANDY.
BUT... NA HA!
... I CAN'T
HELP IT!



THAT TRICK WORKED!
AND MY SHOES
DO FEEL SOFTER!

I'LL JOIN
THE
FOREIGN LEGION!



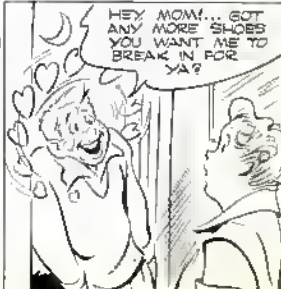
THAT NIGHT... I THINK THAT
WAS AWFULLY
SWEET OF YOU TO BREAK IN
YOUR MOTHER'S SHOES LIKE
THAT! OF COURSE, IT LOOKED
SILLY AT THE
TIME!



BUT IT SHOWS YOU'VE GOT REAL
STRENGTH OF CHARACTER ABOVE
THE MERE PETTY VANITY OF MALE
EGO! YOU DESERVE A REWARD!



HEY MOM!... GOT
ANY MORE SHOES
YOU WANT ME TO
BREAK IN FOR
YA?



ANDY HARDY

BOY! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
THE SCHOOL HAS EVER HAD SUCH
GOINGS ON! AT LAST! A PARTY
WITH REAL CLASS!

